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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UPI RICHARD GROWALD STORY, DATELINE
HELSINKI: THE WHITE HOUSE BACKSTAIRS BATTLE OVER HENRY
KISSINGER HAS COME TO EUROPE WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

SOME PRESIDENTIAL SENIOR ADVISERS ARE TALKING NOT SO
PRIVATELY AND NOT SO CHEERFULLY ABOUT THE SECRETARY OF
STATE'S ACCOMPANYING FORD TO THE 35-NATION, 10 DAY
EUROPEAN TOUR.

KISSINGER'S CRITICS IN THE WHITE HOUSE DO NOT PAINT HIM
TOTALLY UGLY.

BUT, ACCORDING TO THE CRITICS:

-- KISSINGER IS CLEAN OF ALL BLAME IN WATERGATE, CHILEAN
AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS INVESTIGATED BY CONGRESS. BUT,
ACCORDING TO THE NAY-SAYERS, KISSINGER MIGHT WELL FALL AFOUL
OF SOME FUTURE INVESTIGATION.

-- KISSINGER HAS BEEN GUILTY OF GIVING BAD ADVISE, THEY
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SAY, DID HE NOT ADMIT ADVISING FORD TO SKIP SEEING
DISSIDENT RUSSIAN PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR ALEXANDER
SOLTZHENITSYN?

KISSINGER DID SO ADVISE -- AS FORD'S ADVISER ON FOREIGN POLICY. BUT THE WHITE HOUSE, INCLUDING KISSINGER'S CRITICS, HAVE NOT DISCLOSED WHAT FORD'S DOMESTIC ADVISERS SUGGESTED ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S SEEING THE ANTI-KREMLIN RUSSIAN.

THEY ALSO SAID KISSINGER TRIED TO GET FORD TO REFUSE TO VISIT THE NAZI DEATH CAMP AT AUSCHWITZ DURING HIS MONDAY-TUESDAY VISIT TO POLAND LEST IT OFFEND AMERICA'S WEST GERMAN ALLIES.

-- THE WHITE HOUSE CRITICS ARGUE KISSINGER IS A POOR TEAM PLAYER. THEY SAY HE SHUNS THE CHUMMY TOGETHERNESS IN WHICH SUCH FORD LIUTENANTS AS CHIEF OF STAFF DONALD RUMSFELD AND COUNSELOR ROBERT HARTMANN EXCHANGE MEMOS IN STAFF WORK, DESPITE ANY PERSONAL DIFFERENCES. END TEXT.

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